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Amendments to the Claims

A detailed list of all claims under examination is shown below. Please amend claims 1, 3-5, 12, 19, 20 and 24 as shown below in marked form:

1. (currently amended): A coated resilient floor comprising a strippable intermediate acrylic coating atop ~~the floor~~ resilient flooring and a mixed two-part curable or hardenable urethane or acrylate overcoat layer atop adhered to the intermediate coating that will cure or harden after the two parts are mixed and applied, wherein after the overcoat is cured or hardened the overcoat cures or hardens it is adhered to the intermediate coating, is less strippable and more wear-resistant than the intermediate coating and is sufficiently strip agent permeable so that when the overcoat is subjected to the action of a suitable the strip agent the overcoat and intermediate coating can be stripped without damaging the ~~floor~~ flooring.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

3. (currently amended): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the ~~floor~~ overcoat comprises a resilient flooring material an acrylate.

4. (currently amended): A coated floor according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the resilient flooring material comprises vinyl or vinyl composite flooring.

5. (currently amended): A coated floor according to claim 4, wherein the resilient flooring material comprises vinyl composite tiles.

6. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating comprises a metal-catalyzed acrylic.

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7. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a strippability rating of 6 or more on a 7 point scale, corresponding to at least partial strip with softened coating in all areas, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.
8. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a dry coating thickness of about 2.5 to about 75 micrometers.
9. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat comprises an emulsion, suspension or dispersion.
10. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat is radiation curable.
11. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat is thermally curable.
12. (currently amended): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat comprises an acrylate, ~~urethane or acrylated urethane~~.
13. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 12, wherein the overcoat comprises an aromatic urethane.
14. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 12, wherein the overcoat comprises an aliphatic polyester urethane.
15. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat is not metal-catalyzed.

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16. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein after curing or hardening the overcoat has a strippability rating of 4 or less on a 7 point scale, corresponding to no more than severe chemical attack on the overcoat and the onset of stripping, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 30 minute standing time.

17. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat has a thickness after drying or hardening of about 2.5 to about 75 micrometers.

18. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat comprises two or more different layers of materials.

19. (currently amended): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the ~~floor~~ comprises a resilient flooring material comprises vinyl composite tiles and the overcoat is UV curable.

20. (currently amended): A strippable laminate finish kit, comprising one or more containers of a strippable intermediate acrylic coating, a two-part curable urethane or acrylate overcoat composition that cures or hardens after the two parts are mixed, and directions for applying the intermediate coating to a ~~floor~~ resilient flooring and the overcoat to the intermediate coating, wherein after the overcoat is applied to the intermediate coating and cured or hardened the overcoat adheres to the intermediate coating, is less strippable and more wear-resistant than the intermediate coating and is sufficiently strip agent permeable so that when the overcoat is subjected to the action of a suitable strip agent the overcoat and intermediate coating can be stripped without damaging the ~~floor~~ flooring.

21. (original): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, further comprising a strip agent.

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22. (previously presented): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises a photopolymerizable material.

23. (previously presented): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises a thermally curable material.

24. (currently amended): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises an ~~acrylate, urethane or~~ acrylated urethane.

25. (original): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises an aromatic urethane.

26. (original): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises an aliphatic polyester urethane.

27. (original): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein:

- a) the intermediate coating has a strippability rating of 6 or more on a 7 point scale, corresponding to at least partial strip with softened coating in all areas, and
- b) the overcoat has a strippability rating of 4 or less on a 7 point scale, corresponding to no more than severe chemical attack on the overcoat and the onset of stripping, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.

Claims 28-35 cancelled.

36. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat comprises a urethane.

37. (previously presented): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises a urethane.